GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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MONITORING MECHANISM FOR SSA AND MDMS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently decided to set up monitoring mechanism for overseeing the functioning of ``Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan` (SSA) and `Mid-Day Meal Scheme` (MDMS);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Institute of Chartered Accounts of India (ICAI) has recently mooted a proposal to the Government for conducting performance audit of the schemes to measure benefits accruing to children from SSA and MDMS and to identify leakage point; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action/decision taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) & (b): Details of Supervision and Monitoring mechanisms for implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Mid-Day MeaS Schemes are given in the Annex.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Question does lot arise.

Annex referred to in reply to parts (a) & (b) of Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No. 4906 for answer on 23.5.2006 asked by Shri B. Vinod Kumar regarding Monitoring Mechanism for SSA and MDMS.

Following arrangements have been made for monitoring and supervision of implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and Mid-Day Meal Scheme in States/UTs.

Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan:

(i) Progress Report against key monthly indicators and a more detailed quarterly progress reports are submitted by State Implementing Societies to Central Government,

(ii) A computerized Educational Management Information System (MIS) gives annual school based data.

(iii) 41 National Social Science Institutions have been tagged to all States/UTs to make independent and regular field visits to monitor performance.

(iv) An independent Joint Review Mission reviews the progress of SSA twice a year along with external funding agencies,

(v) Pupil achievement level sample surveys are conducted every three years by NCERT to check increase in learning levels.

(vi) Several independent assessments/studies carried out for independent feedback on implementation of SSA e.g. Out of School Study, 2005.

(vii) Independent concurrent financial reviews have been commissioned. 12 States covered so far.

(viii) A set of quality monitoring tools, developed in collaboration with NCERT, to provide quarterly and annual information on several quality related indices of SSA, is being rolled out, covering:

a) Student enrolment and actual attendance
b) Pupil achievement levels
c) Teacher availability and teacher training
d) Classroom Practices
e) Academic supervisions of schools by Cluster and Block Resource Centres

f) Community perceptions of school functioning

(ix) The programme is reviewed by Secretary, Elementary Education & Literacy in the Conference of State Education Secretaries and State Project Directors/Directors of SCERTs which takes place twice a year.

Mid-Day Meal Scheme

(i) Steering-cum-Monitoring Committees have been constituted at Block, District, State ard National level,
(ii) Food Corporation of India (FCI) has appointed nodal officers in all States to ensure smooth supply of quality foodgrains.
(iii) 41 Social Science Institutions, already monitoring SSA, have also been entrusted monitoring of Mid-Day Meal Programme,
(iv) Upgraded DISE will also include data on Mid-Day Meal Programme related variables such as number of beneficiaries, number of schools/EGS centres covered, number of cooks/helpers engaged, number of women Self Help Groups involved, number of kitchen sheds constructed, number of schools covered with cooking gas system, etc.
(v) A mechanism for quarterly assessment of district-wise programme implementation by District Institutes of Education & Training, 550 in number has been initiated,
(vi) Mid Day Meal programme shall now be reviewed by the Governing Council and Executive Committee of National Mission for SSA, and their counterparts in the States,
(vii) States are required to prepare inspection rosters consisting of officials of district, sub-divisional, tehsil/taluka, block and such other suitable levels,
(viii) As efficient management of the scheme, hinges, to a large extent, on effective mobilization of community and active involvement of stakeholders, an initiative to involve mothers of school children to oversee the actual feeding has been launched w.e.f. 1.1.06. States have been exhorted to mobilize mothers of all school children to take turns to supervise the preparation & serving of meals, to ensure regularity & quality,
(ix) Mid-Day Meal Scheme is also reviewed in the Conference of State Education Secretaries. Regional Reviews are also being conducted,
(x) Programme Approval Board under the Chairpersonship of Secretary, Elementary Education & Literacy also reviews planning and implementation of Annual Work Plans of States including the budget & expenditure aspects.